

if you were to read it, it might be of some service to you.

"As to your advice, that it would be better for us to look after our sheep and mind our concerns at home, than to trouble our heads about reading, is a kind of advice I most certainly shall never take. I shall indeed mind my business; but then I and my dear Florella will continue to read as often as we have an opportunity, without asking the leave of any rich man's son.

"It is too often the misfortune of rich children, (continued Amintor) to be very idle and indolent, and too lazy properly to attend to their books. As they therefore know themselves to be very ignorant, they cannot bear the thoughts that poor people should be wiser than themselves; for wisdom is the fountain of happiness, and ignorance is a delusive dream."

This solid manner of reasoning brought the frothy little Simpson into a passion, and he came up to Amintor, to take the book from him; but Amintor advised him not to attempt any thing of that kind, unless he first convinced that he had more courage, and was stronger than he was. He then bade Master Simpson to recollect, that the one was rich and the other poor, and that every one had a right to defend his property, and that he certainly fought the last.

Master Simpson was sadly angry to find, that a poor shepherd's boy was so much wiser than himself, and he went to the next place, that he had not the time to put his threats into execution, and went home in a pet, and told his mother with what contempt he had been treated by the poor Amintor. Lady Simpson was highly enraged to think that her son, a shepherd's boy should dare to in-